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CANADIANS PROBE FARM LABOR IN EUROPE

Group of Three From Federation of Agriculture

Federal Department of Immigration Sends Marler, Stewart and Bradley

TO STUDY AND REPORT

Federation Has Been Critical of Laborers Brought Here for Farm Work

By JAMES R. McFALL,
Secretary A.F.A.

ROY C. Marler, A.F.A. President, R. A. Stewart of Almonte, Ontario, and Keith Bradley of Quebec, are presently in Germany as representatives of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

This representation from the Federation was requested by the Federal Department of Immigration to study and report on the Department's farm labor immigration policies. During recent years the Federation has been critical of workers brought to this country as farm laborers. It has taken the stand that too many of these are not experienced farm help and thus have no desire to remain on the farm.

It is evident that the Department is desirous of doing a good job in this regard and so has asked for a farmer delegation to study the problems and help meet the situation.

Federation—F.U.A. Liaison Committee Sessions

The A.F.A. annual meeting held in Calgary last December endorsed a resolution asking that a committee of three be appointed and that the F.U.A. be invited to appoint a like committee. The purpose of this joint committee to be to study the proper functions of each organization and to draft a plan whereby the two organizations may complement each other's endeavors.

The committee members have been appointed and as these notes are being prepared, the joint committee is in session in Edmonton.

The A.F.A. members are Col. J. McK.
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Co-operative Farm Is Experiment in Old Ontario



After five years of planning, seven farmers and their families are on the point of full-scale operation of the first co-operative farm in Ontario. It consists of some 1,800 rolling acres along the Rideau canal, five miles north of Kingston, and has been named Hemlock Park Co-operative Farm. Before deciding to launch their experiment, the group studied the Matador farm near Swift Current, Sask., which covers 25,000 acres and has 40 families. Harold Ghent, president of the company, is seen right, with his secretary, Art Hass, left.

The group concerned pulled up stakes in Grey-Bruce to begin their new venture. They have bought 900 acres and leased another 900, and acquired 23 buildings, including eight homes, all in a row. With the buildings went farm implements, to which they added their own assets. Some of their tractors are seen in the picture. Each man will specialize, giving his whole attention to one phase of the work, such as sheep or chickens or cattle, while having an interest in the whole operation. The company is a member of the Co-op Union.

Most of 1954 Crop Will Need Farm Storage

By ED. PATCHING, Publicity Department, Alberta Wheat Pool

Grain producers in western Canada will probably be able to deliver about 600 million bushels of grain this year. This statement was made recently by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Canada's minister of trade and commerce.

It is estimated that a total of about 900 million bushels of grain was available for delivery during the present crop season. This means that, when next harvest commences, country elevators will be filled to capacity and about 300 million bushels of grain will remain in farm bins. It is obvious then that farm storage will have to be provided for almost all of this year's prairie grain crop.

To March 31st, marketings of all grain in the prairie provinces amounted to 408 million bushels or 44 per cent of the available supply. In Alberta, farmers have delivered 128.5 million bushels of all grains, or about 50 per cent of available wheat, 54 per cent of their oats and 44 per cent of their barley.

While Mr. Howe said that marketings will amount to about 600 million bushels, that volume has not been sold. When the 1952-53 Wheat Pool was closed on January 30th, not a single bushel of the 1953 wheat crop had been sold. In fact, 148 million bushels of the 1952 crop still remained in the hands of the Board.

Due to Three Bumper Crops

It should be understood that this pile up of wheat is due, purely and simply, to the harvest of three successive bumper grain crops in the prairies. Domestic consumption remains almost stationary. Exports last year were the second largest on

Farm Output up 78% in 20 Years — With Numbers Engaged Down by 10-15%

OTTAWA, Ont. — In the last 20 years, the number of persons engaged in agriculture in Canada has decreased by from 10 to 15 per cent, while the output is up by 78 per cent. Dr. H. H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, pointed out in an address to the Ottawa's Women's Forum. Output per worker has approximately doubled.

record and this year, though down somewhat, are still well above average.

In the period from August 1st to March 24th Canadian wheat exports amounted to 164.6 million bushels, compared with 223.6 million in the same period last year. With the opening of the navigation season on the Great Lakes near at hand, it is hoped that Canadian export shipments will pick up.

It should be obvious to grain producers.
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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

POULTRY SPECIAL



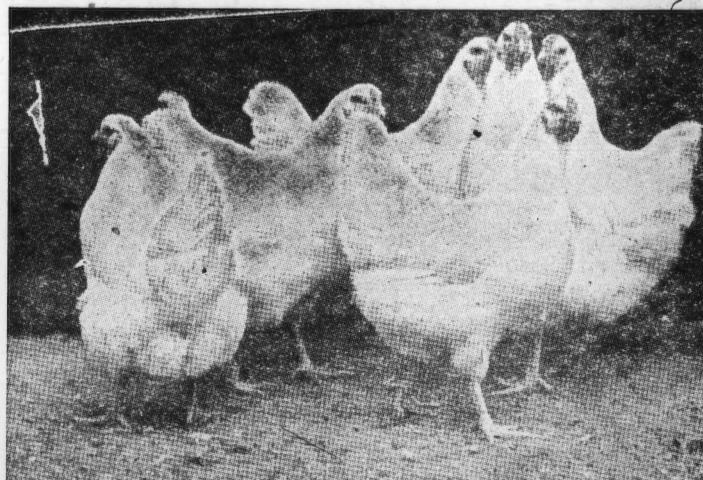
A Message to Our Egg Producers

WE know how you feel about egg prices, and we don't feel too good ourselves about them either, but we are doing everything we can to find the best market and the best price — so those of you who market your eggs through your Co-operative can rest easy that you will receive the last cent that can be obtained.

We are responsible for the marketing of your eggs — but you, the producer, are responsible for the quality. If we both do a good job, you will be assured of a fair return for your feed and labor in spite of lower prices. Here's what you can do! —

Culling to Lower the Cost of Eggs

Flocks must give better than sixty per cent production to pay the cost of feed alone at the prevailing prices for eggs at country points, states J. R. Cavers, Professor of Poultry Husbandry, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, hens average slightly less than 40 per cent production at this time of year. Culling out non-layers and poor layers is about the only way to combat the



squeeze in which poultry producers now find themselves.

Figures based on flocks of Barred Rock pullets in December and January show that it took 6½ to 7 pounds of feed to produce a dozen eggs at 50 per cent production, 6 to 6½ pounds at 60 per cent lay, and only 5 to 5½ pounds of feed per dozen at 70 per cent production. While some strains and breeds will eat more feed per dozen eggs produced, the principle still holds. Only at high rates of production can the feed cost be kept to a minimum, and the loss on the flock reduced, during this difficult period.

Disposing of the Culls

Some difficulty may be experienced in finding someone to buy the culls. If the producer explains that he has done a sensible culling job and is not trying to sell the whole flock, more consideration may be given by the buyers of poultry. An alternative would be to put the culls in a separate pen and maintain them mostly on grain until a market opens for them. It would be foolish to do this with the entire flock, however, since, without laying mash or concentrates, production would soon cease, and the loss on the flock would be still greater. Even though a floor is placed under the egg market, it may be assumed that systematic culling will be needed to keep the flock at a profitable level of production.

Proper Cooling Too Is a Must

In an experiment conducted recently, 23 farmers were asked

to handle their eggs in a manner suggested by an experimental farm. Some did and

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Did you make a note of the Date of the CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL'S 29th Annual Meeting

DAY: Tuesday

DATE: June 22nd.

PLACE: Red Deer

LOCATION: Memorial Hall

Business Meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Banquet at 6:15 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER:

RT. HON. J. G. GARDINER

Federal Minister of Agriculture

Watch for further announcements



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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

some didn't. For the farmers who carried out the suggestions, the results were as follows: 8 increased their egg grades from 33 per cent to 76 per cent grade A by cooling their eggs immediately after gathering; 7 increased grades from 53 per cent to 92 per cent by cooling immediately after gathering and by confining the birds and feeding a balanced ration; 6 increased grades from 20 per cent to 60 per cent grade A by cooling immediately, but did not confine their birds or feed a special ration; 2 farmers didn't bother and failed to move eggs from the laying house to a cool place and were content with approximately 40 per cent grade A.

If eggs are cooled by placing them in a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit or less, they will bring you more

Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends:

Elsewhere in this section is the notice of our Annual Meeting, of which preliminary announcement was made in the last issue. It is the usual custom of our organization not to hold the annual meeting in the same place in two successive years.

However, we are going to have to vary this rule at least for this year. It so happens that we have received confirmation from the Hon. James G. Gardiner of Ottawa that he can be our guest speaker at our annual meeting, and it will be particularly satisfactory to hold it in Red Deer.

Naturally your Board is very pleased that our Dominion Agriculture Minister is making arrangements to be present with us, and under the circumstances your Board has decided that the annual meeting should be held in Red Deer this year on Tuesday, June 22nd.

We hope we may have the pleasure of seeing you at this meeting.

Yours very truly,

James A. Wood
President.

money.

Removing them to the kitchen or living room is not sufficient. So, friends, collect often and cool immediately.

Pressure Ventilation

Pressurized ventilation in dairy barns is being used successfully in Wisconsin, according to *Farmer's Digest*.

The system is operating in a state prison farm barn and will soon be applied to milk houses and poultry houses.

How does it work? Fans along the side walls mix warm and cold air. The fans bring in cold air from outside and draw warm air from the centre of the barn. Deflectors direct the air along walls and ceilings. Exhaust fans take out moisture-laden air. The arrangement is more efficient than when only exhaust fans were used.

Sidewall fans and deflectors are located along the walls. The exhaust fans are at each end of the barn.

Canadians Eating More Butter

The trend toward increased use of butter in the Canadian home is indicated in the latest Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures showing a step-up of domestic consumption from 274.4 million pounds in 1952 to 285.2 million pounds in 1953. This represents a 4% rise in overall consumption as well as a gain in per capita consumption.

In spite of this higher consumption, Dairy Farmers of Canada officials noted that butter stocks were still heavy at the end of the year, pointing up the need for a special butter sales drive to help lower the surplus.

To meet this situation the national organization promoted a special butter event during March.

Singapore to London to Canada
SINGAPORE, STRAITS SETTLEMENTS — Tropical fish are being flown from Singapore to London, in specially made plastic bags, and then re-exported to Canada, the U.S., and to several European countries.

COLOMBO — Ceylon is borrowing \$14 millions in London, for long-term agricultural development, and public services.

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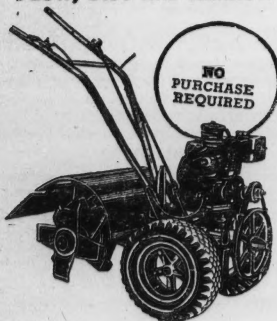
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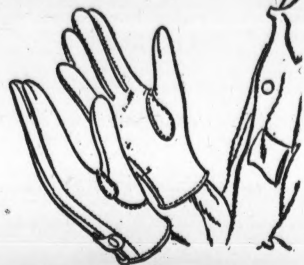
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IMMIGRATION PROBE IN EUROPE

Three representatives of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture are today in Europe, where they are to spend several weeks in studying the methods followed by the department of immigration of the federal government in selecting emigrants to work on Canadian farms.

The members of the mission, who have gone overseas on the invitation of the department, are the president of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, Roy C. Marler, and R. A. Stewart and Keith Bradley, from Ontario and Quebec respectively. All three are well equipped by their own farming experience and service in the farm movement, locally and in wider fields, to carry out the important duties which devolve upon them.

The representatives of the Federation are at present in Germany, their itinerary including visits to Berlin, Karlsruhe and various other centres and many rural areas. From Germany they will go on to Austria, then to Holland, and then to the United Kingdom. According to advices received by the head office of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, the tour will extend over approximately another three weeks.

The Canadian government is to be congratulated upon its choice of this method of getting to the root (or as close to the root as a thorough probing can make possible) of a very difficult problem.

It is a problem about which farm people in every part of Canada are greatly concerned.

The report which the Federation's representatives bring back will contribute greatly to a solution — for we cannot doubt that the government will be anxious to introduce such changes in immigration policy as may be found desirable.

The adoption of a more satisfactory immigration policy will benefit greatly Canadians now engaged in agricultural production, while at the same time assuring, to those who may be selected to become new citizens of Canada, enhanced opportunity to "make good."

FACTS FOR CONSUMER AND TAXPAYER

Addressing the Ottawa Citizen's Forum, a consumer group, in Ottawa recently, President H. H. Hannam of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture discussed the cost to the taxpayer of the price supports for farm products which have contributed, in marked degree, to the stability of the economy of the dominion in the post-war years.

Dr. Hannam also called attention to the cost of subsidies to other branches of the Canadian economy which, significantly, never find a place in newspaper articles criticising the farm price support policy.

Apart from losses due to price support during the emergency which arose from the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Saskatchewan — an expenditure of \$69,000,000 which was required to meet what was universally admitted to be a national emergency — the losses under regular price support activities since 1946 totalled \$10,747,000 — or less than 15 cents per capita per year for the people of Canada. The total was made up as follows: Potatoes, \$2,036,000; apples, \$6,107,000; beans, \$194,000; honey, \$177,000; dry skim milk, \$610,000 (approximately); butter, \$1,559,000; eggs, \$64,000.

A NEW ERA

*We cross the threshold of a strange new age,
With flame and fury heralding its birth.
Whether its coming good or ill presage
Men ask each other everywhere on earth.
A monstrous weapon holds our days in fee,
And sweeps old concepts utterly away,
So that, if life itself is still to be,
New truths mankind must learn to obey.
The swirling clouds of danger yet may clear,
Men's minds of blinding madness still be shorn,
For hope lives on that, even of our fear,
The miracle of peace may yet be born,
To pour its benefactions on mankind
When follies of today lie far behind.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

(All the above figures are losses to March 31st, 1953, except the figure for dry skim milk which includes \$600,000 cost of purchasing and reselling for feed 10 million pounds in 1953).

IN ONE YEAR — NOT SEVEN

The figures relating to subsidies to other branches of Canada's economy, taken from a speech in the house of commons by Hon. Mr. Prudham, minister of mines and technical surveys, were for a single fiscal year (1953) — not the seven years covered by the farm price subsidies.

They indicated that there had been paid to coal mines in that year a total of \$7,155,104 (estimated for year \$10,669,000), and to gold mines \$11,059,480.

To give economic assistance in another field — that of unemployment insurance — the government contributed \$31,000,000 in one year (fiscal year 1952-53); added to which was \$21.9 millions to cover the cost of administration of unemployment insurance.

EUROPE'S "NEUTRALISM"

By ROBERT STRAUSS-HUPE,
Editorial Page, Saturday Evening Post

Americans usually condemn European "neutralism" on moral grounds, as if it were an expression of funk or cowardice or churlish refusal to admit the superiority of democracy as against communism.

Actually neutralism, except in so far as it is a mere communist manoeuvre, represents a cold-blooded appraisal of the odds on the future as accepted by many Europeans who are not communists and who do not "hate America." As they see it, the American attitude poses a choice between communist retreat, which they regard as unlikely, and atomic war, which they feel would mean the end of Western civilization. They find themselves unable to accept such a choice as rational in the circumstances which face Europe today.

In France, neutralism is mostly reluctance to wage war at prohibitive nuclear odds. Throughout Europe, President Eisenhower's description of the devastating power of atomic weapons is immediately translated into practical terms. The Frenchman asks: Why, if an atomic gun or bomb can destroy a whole army in the field, should France admit German divisions into the European army? Since twelve divisions could have no appreciable effect in an atomic war against Russia, the calculating Frenchman sees no reason for eagerness to take in the Germans, with the risk that their principal contribution would be to throw their weight around against France. The English, recognizing the distinct possibility that their island would be promptly polished off the map if used as a base for an air force equipped with atom bombs, show similar reluctance.

These attitudes may seem unsatisfactory in view of the clear threat of Soviet aggression, but if we must infer from President Eisenhower's statement that Europe is virtually defenseless against nuclear attack, then the reluctance of the neutralists to expose their people to slaughter rests on more respectable grounds than mere cowardice. That the United States may possess retaliatory power to punish the Soviet Union after Soviet bombs have destroyed the capitals of Europe has little

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Some Observations Regarding Seed

By C. AUBREY WEIR

District Supervisor, Plant Products Division,
Canada Department of Agriculture

THERE is never a bargain in seed. A lower than average quoted price nearly always indicates a poorer product than is desirable.

Purchasers should insist that the seed they buy be officially graded and that it be of a high seed grade; or else they should make a very thorough examination of the material before purchase, if taking it from a grower's bin.

Buyers should appreciate the fact that one wild oat per pound in oat seed means that at least 70 wild oats will be planted on each acre. This is a sufficient number to result in a badly polluted field within two years. Under the Seeds Act, even No. 1 Seed of oats can contain up to two wild oats per pound if there are no other noxious weed seeds present—therefore purchases of Registered or Certified seed are usually preferable and much cheaper in the long run.

More Ergot Bodies Than Formerly

During the past two or three seasons Ergot bodies have been present in many lots of seed to a greater extent than has been the case in other recent years. These are causing considerable concern to many, who are fearful lest planting such seed increase the amount of Ergot in the following crop.

There is little or no danger that this will prove to be the case—since Ergot is not what we consider as a seed borne disease. Investigation has shown that when the Ergot bodies are planted at usual seed drill depths they disappear. If left on the surface of the ground they might be a source of infection. The principal source of infection in the case of Ergot is from the grass fields and headlands close to the grain fields.

Native Grasses Susceptible

Many of our native grasses are susceptible to this disease, and they are frequently very heavily infested. On grasslands these Ergot bodies fall to the ground in the autumn or winter. Next early summer, with suitable weather conditions, they produce spores which can be carried by the wind to the blossoming crop plants.

The infection in the case of Ergot is from the Ergot spores blowing into the open blossom. After the blossom is infected a substance attractive to insects (the honey dew stage) is produced and this may then be transported by insects to other blossoms.

Ergot is usually more prevalent in crops in warm, relatively damp seasons when the spores readily develop from the Ergot bodies lying on the ground surface.

There is no known treatment for this plant disease other than avoidance of infection. Early and perhaps repeated mowing of headlands would be effective in reducing this disease.

A Most Valuable Pamphlet

The pamphlet "Varieties of Grain for Alberta" which is prepared by the Alberta Varietal Zonation Committee (a sub-committee of the Alberta Seed Board) is well worth study.

The recommendations as to the most satisfactory varieties for produc-

tion in the different soil and climatic zones within the province are based on exhaustive growing tests in each zone. No recommendation is made regarding a variety until that variety has been tested for several years at many points in the zone, in comparison with all other possibly suitable varieties. Yields, maturing dates, straw strength, milling qualities are all carefully considered and all substantiated by accurate tests before a variety is recommended—or a change in variety suggested.

A careful perusal of this pamphlet is recommended to all farmers. It can be obtained from District Agriculturists, the Provincial Government Field Crops Branch and many other sources.

Good Form of Crop Insurance

We hear many comments about crop insurance. One of the best low premium crop insurance plans is to use a good seed disinfectant before planting. While covered smut of wheat is usually the particular reason in a grower's mind when he treats his seed, it is far from the only reason why he should treat it. Other seed-borne diseases are controlled by treating with approved compounds, and considerable protection is also afforded the planted seed from plant disease organisms present in the soil.

Certain of the non-mercuric seed treatments are not advertised as controlling any disease but smut in wheat. While useful for this purpose, they probably fail to be of assistance in control of other diseases of wheat or of smut in other grains.

Of course, wearing a mask and staying to windward while using the mercuric seed treatments is a nuisance, but it is good procedure because illness is unpleasant and death is so permanent. Follow the directions on the container.

Farm Improvement Loans Losses Only .02 Per Cent — Main Buying Machinery

OTTAWA, Ont. — Ninety per cent of all money borrowed under the Farm Improvement Loans Act in 1953 was for the purchase of implements, states the annual report recently released by the supervisor, D. M. McRae. A total of over \$88 millions was borrowed in 73,934 loans, for the purpose, chiefly, of buying tractors, trucks, combines and threshers. For building purposes \$5 millions was borrowed, for livestock purchases \$3 millions, and for clearing and breaking of new land \$694,316. Since the act was brought into operation over \$313 millions have been repaid, and losses have amounted to only .02 per cent of the total. Seventy per cent of the loans went to the prairie provinces, it was stated.

Beaverlodge Studies

Of interest to farmers in the Peace River block of Alberta and B.C. is the Progress Report, 1948-1952, of the Beaverlodge Experimental Station, just off the press. Written by the superintendent, E. C. Stacey, B.A., M.Sc. it contains useful information on studies carried on at the station in animal husbandry, cereals, field husbandry, forage crops, and horticulture.

Blood Tests Guide to Proving of Parentage

OTTAWA, Ont. — For the first time in Canada, and, possibly in any country, blood tests have been used to prove parentage of an animal, and accepted as evidence in court. Gerald Rose of Riceville, Ontario, was fined \$500 and costs recently, for falsifying the pedigrees of Holstein-Friesian cattle on his farm. Charges were laid by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, through the RCMP.

Seed Growers Meet in June

The annual meeting and fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association will be held at Macdonald College, P.Q., June 16th, 17th and 18th.

22nd Annual Session University of Alberta Banff School of Fine Arts 1954

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— CORRESPONDENCE —

We Are Wasting Our Inheritance

Editor,

The Western Farm Leader:

Let us take a brief glance at the Great Plains section of the Canadian West. To the west lie the Rockies' towering peaks, eternally snow clad, everlasting glaciers (or so we hope). The scientists and old timers tell us "they are receding."

Below this we have the shrubbery, the forest, vegetation and grass and the head waters of our great rivers flowing from those mighty mountains throughout a thousand miles of fertile plains. The

Great Plains, all the way to salt water in the Hudson Bay. That is what we had. Have we still got it all? By no means.

Wasting Our Heritage

We are cutting away the forest. We burn off nature's priceless guardians of our water supplies, we overgraze the grass. We turn loose the chemical waste of industry and pollute a thousand miles of clear river front, we talk about pulp concessions on the head waters of our most important rivers. We turn over to powerful private corporations our choicest power sites with no planning as to winter ice. We develop a bit of irrigation here and there, with no overall planning whatsoever. We have provincial and federal jealousy, we

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TRUE CO-OPERATIVE BASIS

The Alberta Wheat Pool operates on a true co-operative basis. Such a method requires that surplus earnings be returned to the membership. Since Pool elevators started in business, \$15,782,000 has been returned to the membership either in the form of cash patronage dividends or distribution of reserves. Last year ninety-five per cent of the Wheat Pool's surplus earnings was returned to the membership.

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

Pork Prices Are Reflected at Purebred Swine Sale

By LORNE STOUT

THE current level of pork prices was reflected at the third annual Calgary Purebred Swine Sale held at the Exhibition grounds, for 98 Yorkshire, Tamworth and Berkshire swine sold for an average of \$131.50. There was a keen demand and steady bidding for bred sows of both the Yorkshire and Tamworth breeds.

Grand Champion Tops Sale

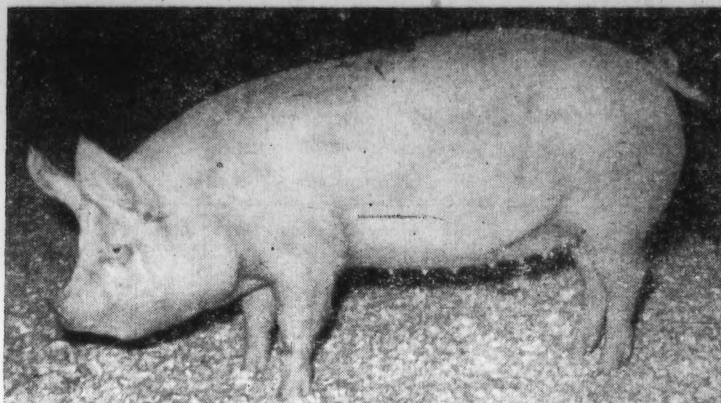
R. N. Ralph of Stavely topped the sale when his Grand Champion sow sold at \$310, go-

ing across the line to Ernest Lauby of Nezperce, Idaho. The same buyer and his brother took a truckload of ten Alberta Yorkshires to Idaho.

Begin to Appreciate Quality

Mr. Lauby said packers there were beginning to appreciate the better quality of the Canadian swine, and while he was only getting about a \$1.00 premium over the more common breeds of hogs in that area, there seemed every indication the premium might go to three or four dollars before too long.

A Camrose breeder, Knute Berge, won both Reserve Champion ribbons for Yorkshires, his Sow selling to A. Hoving of High River at \$185.00 and



Ralphholm 65H, above, third Champion Sow of the Annual Calgary Swine sale, sold at \$310.00 to Ernest Lauby of Nezperce, Idaho.

Reserve Boar going to Peter Wyllie of Leduc at \$235.00. Mr. Wyllie had the Champion Boar, which he sold at \$180.00 to Clifford Fyten of Swalwell.

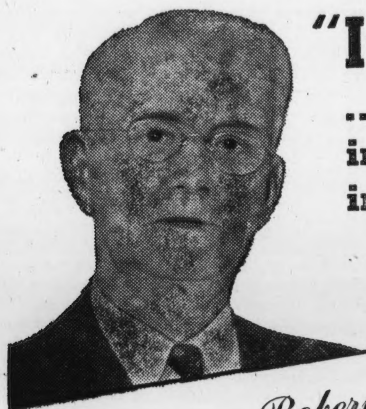
In all the 31 White Bred Sows averaged \$145.48, 29 Open Gilts sold lower, averaging \$106.00. The York-shire Boars brought \$119.60.

Tamworth Prices

Tamworth Boars averaged \$175.00 for the six offered, eight Bred Sows drew bids of \$167.50 and two open Gilts \$125.00 — W. A. Greenway of Acme had both Champion and Reserve Sow, and L. G. Kinney of Rockyford won the Reserve Boar. Greenway's two sows brought \$200.00, going to Harry Hays and George Wesley of Granum. The same breeder sold two Boars each at \$220.00 to E. M. Jordon of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Colpitts Ranch, Calgary. Kinney's Reserve Boar sold at \$160.00 to Colpitts.

R. N. Ralph of Stavely topped the sale averaging \$187.00 for his seven Yorkshire including the Champion. Mr. Greenway sold eleven Tamworths at an average of \$170.00.

J. G. Stothart of the Lacombe Experimental Station was the judge of the Swine Sale, Harry Hays the auctioneer.



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Horse Breeders Are Much Encouraged by Calgary Spring Sale

By LORNE STOUT

IT'S been a long time since horse breeders found such encouragement as the Calgary Spring Sale. Particularly the light horse sale on the second day found buyers bidding eagerly for almost anything that could carry a saddle. Only eleven of the 241 light horses sold below \$45.00, and the average for the saddle horses was \$90.44, for the 170 heavy horses \$78.24, both well above the 1953 price level when 552 horses sold at an average of \$70.64. This year's average for the 411 horses sold was \$85.39.

Two of the highest priced horses were stallions, H. Laird of Richdale had a colorful Pinto, a five-year-old, that sold for \$360.00 to J. P. Kerr of Hanna. Jerry Going of Vulcan sold an Albino stallion of Pal-amino breeding at \$320.00 to C. Jackson of Calgary.

Various Other Sales

Among other sales, Mrs. D. Johnston of Didsbury sold a Bay Mare to J. B. Cross, Okotoks, at \$265.00; Cliff Telo of Aldrie a hunter type to Mrs. Angus Robertson of Aldrie at \$280.00.

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Hired Help from Europe — A Farm Problem Examined

By Dr. P. CHARTOS

AN important sector of European — especially of central European — immigration to Canada, is selected to bring to this country a new influx of rural people. Yet, in ever increasing volume, in the press, on the radio, in the house of commons and at the neighborhood grocery store, severe criticism of the behavior of many or most of these newcomers is heard.

Leave Farmers Without Help

It is complained that these immigrants, having applied for and obtained admission into Canada, pretending to be experienced, and willing to work as farm hands, (often enough under contract and with their overseas fares financed by government or relief organizations) leave their new places of work a short time after their arrival, and make off for better paid jobs in the city. The embarrassed farmer is left behind, without help.

Part of the Explanation

This is certainly not intended as a defence of those who have come to Canada under false pretences. Most certainly there are many people who are so eager to come here that they would be willing to disguise themselves as horses or kangaroos, or wear long green beards, should this be of help in complying with the latest rules of the Canadian immigration office. Nevertheless, the reason why many — most likely the large majority — of these immigrants do not live up to their promises can be found in the enormous difference between the social and economic structure of Canadian agriculture and that of Europe.

In Europe, this twentieth century has seen a migration, more forceful in revolutionary dynamism as well as in numbers, than the migration of the peoples at the beginning of our era, which brought about the fall of Rome and the rise of Christianity. It is an internal migration, its evolution following an irregular pattern, much influenced by the wars and the drive from the East: the silent migration from the village to the city.

In a selected number of predominantly industrial, middle-sized cities in France, Holland, Austria and Germany, it was found in 1953 that 24 per cent of the population under 30 years of age and 42 per cent of the population between the ages of 30 and 45, had come to the city from rural districts. In three industrial cities of Germany — partly by reason of Eastern occupation or annexation of formerly German territories, having forced the exodus of the population, mostly farmers — the percentage was even higher.

It was 48 per cent in the age group from 30 to 50, 31 per cent in the first age group. It is from these age groups that most of the immigration to Canada is recruited.

The "Drift-Sand" Type of Man

And it is obvious that it is not the farmer whose family has been settled for hundreds of years on the same land, nor the "burgher" who for generations has made his living in the same city who is most eager to migrate, but the "drift-sand", the man who left his village for the city to find a happier life there, a happiness he could not find because his rural

background is too heavily rooted within him. It is such people as these who are ready again to start a new migration; this time not internal, but external — overseas to Canada. A close survey would demonstrate that the post-war immigration into Canada from the European continent consists for the most part of those who have drifted to the cities, without finding there a satisfactory life. Now they are drifting again — overseas.

Many of them, consciously or unconsciously, had come to regret leaving a constructive and balanced, even if hardship filled life for a strenuous, superficial and nerve-wracking life in the city in Europe. For many, emigration to Canada means — a turning point, and the return to their former life in the country, on the farm. And, for no other reason, they signed up for a farm labor contract or presented themselves as farmers-to-be to the immigration authorities. No false pretence was intended in these cases.

Simple Financial Miscalculation

With the arrival on the farm in Canada, the first impact of a completely different situation from what they had expected rapidly destroys their new conception. It is less the different social conditions, than a very simple but mistaken financial reasoning, which drives them quickly back to the city.

Too often we have heard the following calculation: "In Canada I will make fifty dollars a month on a farm, with living fully free. A very tight personal budget will leave me with a net saving of \$500 per year. In three years with \$1500 I will buy my own farm."

(Estimates of possible savings from farm wages are of course those which have been given Dr. Chartos by immigrants across Canada. Actually in Alberta, they are often much higher. —Editor).

In Germany or Austria, or even Scandinavia or Holland, where family farm holdings are as small as 4 or 8 acres, and where governments generously finance and encourage even the smallest farming enterprises, these \$1500 (6500 German Marks) are a significant capital. In a province like Alberta, where farms rank from say, half sections, to tens of thousands of acres and small farms are uneconomical, a farming capital of \$1500 is merely a joke. One newcomer soon figured out that with his and his wife's present saving possibilities from their farm-labor wages, they would celebrate their silver wedding — 18 years hence — before they would have enough money to buy their own average sized farm.

With the European experience of two generations of wars and inflation, long-term saving does not look like an interesting prospect. So the husband is now bricklaying in Calgary, and his wife is working in a dough-nut bakery. Their dream of going back to farming in Canada had come to an end in less than three months' time.

There are many Europeans, good and willing farm workers, who would

The author of the article on this page has lived in Europe and travelled extensively there, his association with well-known continental travel agencies having given him exceptional opportunities to study the problems of migration. His knowledge of the languages of Europe — in addition to English, he speaks several others — has been of great assistance to him in such studies in the old world, and he thus has the advantage of an appreciation of the social and economic backgrounds of recent immigrants to Canada. Dr. Chartos now lives in Calgary. He is arranging the program for the farmers' tour of Europe sponsored by The Western Farm Leader.

be happy to come to Canada — but their conditions have to be surveyed, and conditions in Canada have to be explained to them. Some things also might have to be changed. As people usually do not like to learn from statistics or books, the way is to learn from experience, on the spot, or by talking to other people.

A good start has been made with the European visit by such genuine representatives of the farmers as Roy C. Marler president of the Alberta

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Federation of Agriculture, and his colleagues from other provinces, who will be in a good position from direct and personal contacts to find out exactly what's wrong or right with rural immigration. Such visits and studies on the spot giving Canadian farmers an opportunity to talk to farmers in Europe and exchange opinions and experience, will contribute to clarification, and do more to raise the standards of rural immigration than all theory and criticism on this or the other side.

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WORLD CHRONICLE

March 31st. — Recent hydrogen bomb explosions show need to re-examine international efforts to control atomic weapons, Pearson tells Commons, Ottawa. Russia offers join NATO. Trade treaty between Canada and Japan lowers tariffs of both countries on imports from other.

April 1st. — Radioactive cloud 25 miles high, 100 miles across, stems from hydrogen bomb explosion; movies of 1952 test shown in Washington. For opposing EDC in unauthorized speech, Marshall Juin dismissed from command by French Cabinet. Pearson says Russian offer (to join NATO) may be "propaganda trap"; Dulles categorically turns it down; France says further study needed; Churchill tells British Commons all necessary measures will be taken to protect country from dangers involved in U.S. atomic bases in Britain. Howe says U.S. reduction of rye imports is breach of trade agreement. U.K. is world's chief producer radio-active materials, London announces. Special counsel chosen for McCarthy-army hearing is S. P. Sears, McCarthy supporter.

MARSHAL JUIN

April 2nd. — Nehru calls for standstill agreement to bar further hydro-



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gen bomb explosions. Eden states bomb is deterrent to aggression. Russian press declares hydrogen bomb could destroy "fruits of thousand years of toil." Three of Japanese fishermen burned by radio-active ashes March 1st reported in critical condition. Britain rejects U.S.S.R. proposal that China have equal status with Big Four at Geneva. British newspapers criticise U.S. haste in turning down Russian offer to join NATO, without consulting allies. New Russian farm policy puts emphasis on grain production. U.S. general Vandenberg dies, age 55.

April 3rd. — New French jet fighter explodes during demonstration. Nixon says U.S. threat of massive retaliation has reduced chances of Chinese sending troops to Indo-China.

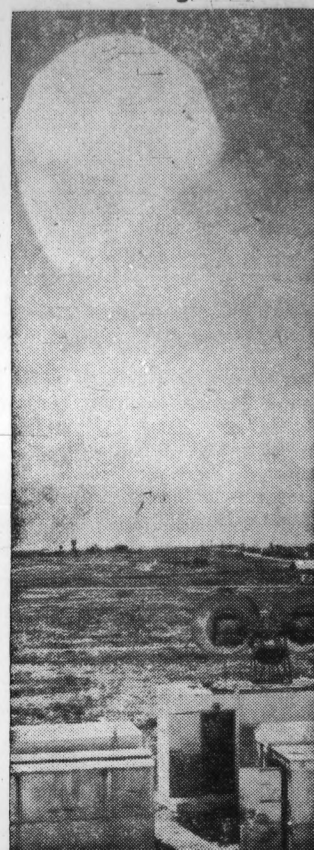
April 4th. — In NATO anniversary address, Eden calls for speeding up of German rearmament. Dulles charges Russia is trying to break up NATO alliance. At Dien Bien Phu, French state Vietminh drive repulsed. Paris demonstrators break up ceremony honoring heroes of Indo-Chinese war; Laniel kicked, stoned. Wife of deposed premier Jagan of British Guiana arrested with eight others, on charges of holding illegal procession.

April 5th. — Churchill refuses to ask U.S. to call off hydrogen bomb experiments; opposes suggestion of Big Three meeting prior to Geneva conference; says secret agreement with Roosevelt in 1943 called for U.S. and Britain each to obtain other's consent before using atomic bomb against third power, but charges Labor government with responsibility for ending of agreement by not telling Senator MacMahon, author of the MacMahon Act, that agreement existed. Eisenhower states, "We are not going to start a war" but must be prepared against war begun by Kremlin "in fit of madness or through miscalculation." Canadian government had surplus of \$10 millions in last fiscal year, announced in Ottawa; Canadians other than farmers earned more than ever before; net farm income less than in 1952.

April 6th. — London reports U.S. has called on Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand to join in warning China against aggression in southeast Asia. Canadian budget provides no change in income tax, some reduction in excise tax, sales tax on municipal purchases of equipment, some tariff reductions. British budget makes no tax changes. Eisenhower asks Congress to cut European aid, vote \$1,133 millions for military and economic aid to Indo-China. U.K. newspapers criticise Churchill's attack on former Labor government in yesterday's speech. Sears resigns as special counsel for special U.S. Senate committee hearing.

April 7th. — Eisenhower says loss of Indo-China to communism would have incalculable consequences; expresses doubts whether Geneva conference will accomplish anything. De Gaulle supports Juin in attack on EDC; Luxembourg ratifies. Pearson tells Commons Canada is not committed to any action in Indo-China, except such as might arise from UN action; opposes suggestion that Canadian aid to Ceylon should be cut off because Ceylon sells surplus rubber to China. Washington reveals Truman decision to build hydrogen bomb was opposed by majority of atomic energy commission. Coventry (Eng-

Prince Philip Sees Tests on This Proving Ground



Just before the royal visit to Australia ended, the Duke of Edinburgh witnessed tests at the Woomera proving grounds of some of the new secret weapons which Britain is preparing. In the above photograph, made from three-quarters of a mile's distance from the experiment station, the firing of what is described as an "RTVI" is shown. In the centre may be seen the large patch of the fireball from an atomic explosion. No information concerning the tests was released.

Death of Mrs. Wallace Archibald

We regret to record the death last week of Mrs. Wallace Archibald, R.R. 3, Lacombe, at the age of 82. Mrs. Archibald came to this country from Scotland at the age of 17, and lived in Winnipeg until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald made their first home on the homestead west of Ponoka, where they have lived ever since. Mrs. Archibald was a keen worker in the farm movement, and attended many farmers' conventions. She will be much missed by numerous friends throughout the province, as well as by her family. At the funeral, on April 8th, William Irvine paid moving tribute to her memory.

land) decides against civil defence program, believed useless against A or H-bombs.

April 8th. — Mossadegh appears in Tehran court, to appeal his sentence of three years for treason. Italy and Sweden withdraw from International wheat agreement, is reported from London.

April 9th. — McCarthy is headline hunter, charges Roman Catholic Bishop Sheil, of Chicago, says it's time to "cry out against the phony anti-communism that mocks our way of life."

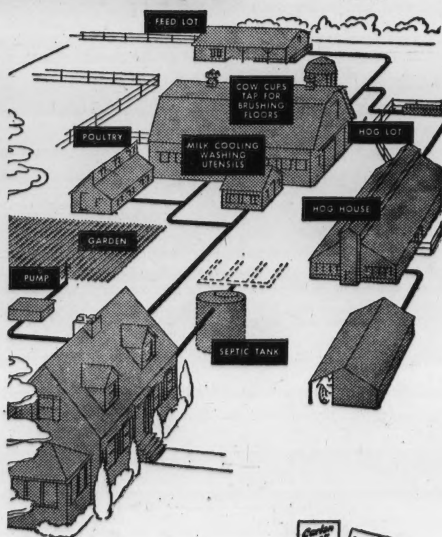
April 10th. — Queen and Duke arrive at Ceylon. Dulles leaves for Europe; seeks support for proposed joint action in Indo-China. Eight major oil companies, (five American, one Netherlands, one French, besides Anglo-Iranian) agree on international

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Highlights of the Recent Congress

By NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY
Secretary, Alberta Co-operative Union

CANADA'S east and west are far apart. To build a successful national organization in this vast country is no small achievement. Forty-five years ago a small group of men set out to do just that, bringing together a few representatives of co-operative organizations in the central section to form the Co-operative Union of Canada.

All Provinces Represented

We were conscious of the imagination and strength of purpose of those few men, when on Tuesday morning, March 30th, we assembled in Winnipeg at the forty-fifth Congress. Every one of the nine provinces was represented by its full quota of delegates, which, together with members of the board and visitors, met for three days at the Fort Garry Hotel.

Many Associated Groups

The Congress of the Co-operative Union has become an occasion of the meeting, before and after, of many associated national groups.

The board of directors, the board of the newly chartered Canadian Co-operative Credit Society, the Canadian Federation of Credit Union Leagues, the National Co-operative Fisheries Conference, the Co-operative Accountants and Auditors, the board of the Co-operative Development Foundation and the Secretaries of the Provincial Co-operative Unions all held their separate meetings. It was noted that interest in these varied manifestations of co-operative activity increases steadily. All the sessions were well attended.

Leo Berube, secretary of Le Conseil Canadien de la Co-operation, brought fraternal greetings from that organization and took an active part in many of the auxiliary meetings.

Symbol of Canada's Unity

Much has already been written about the work of the Congress; I wish only to try to bring out its significance as one of the outstanding forms of Canadian unity. There were three occasions on which the delegates and guests were entertained in the beautiful dining halls of the hotel.

At luncheon on Tuesday we were the guests of United Grain Growers, Limited. Vice-President R. C. Brown presided in the absence of the president, J. E. Brownlee, Q.C., LL.D. The speaker was Dr. Roby Kidd, director of the Canadian Association for Adult Education. He gave us a clear exposition of the work of CAAE, pointed out its great value, and the need for more active sponsorship on the part of such voluntary organizations as co-operatives.

Speaks on Royal Commission

On Wednesday evening we were entertained at dinner by the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-operation, with President J. B. Wilton in charge. Professor W. B. Baker, chairman of the Saskatchewan Royal Commission on agriculture and rural life, gave us two new categories for our thinking about co-operatives. He spoke of the "Gessellschaft" type, organized under contract at the top, and the "Geumellschaft" type, where human relations are at the base of all activity.

On Thursday at noon, W. J. Parker, president of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, acted as host for the Pool, at luncheon. Mrs. Ida Delaney, of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, one of the Canadian women who visited Europe last summer and was at a seminar for women co-operators financed by UNESCO through the International Co-operative Alliance, was the speaker. Mrs.

Delaney in a speech full of wit and satire, made out a strong case for action on the part of the consumer in defence of his or her interests.

Space limits forbid dealing here with the report of the board of directors, the address of the president, Ralph S. Staples, and the national secretary, W. B. Melvin. They were comprehensive in nature and showed clearly the importance of the work of the Co-operative Union in our Canadian economy.

A Valuable Presentation

The statistical report on the business of the members of CUC in 1953, given by J. E. O'Meara of the economic branch of the Department of Agriculture, a study showing the trends among co-operatives in recent years, was one of the most valuable presentations made to Congress.

It is greatly to be regretted that the value of this statistical work is reduced to the extent that in some provinces some significant co-operatives are not members. That their returns are not included distorts the picture as between provinces and on the national scene as well.

Wholesales and Local Co-ops

"Relations Between Wholesales and Local Co-ops" was the theme of a very able paper given by Leonard Harmon of Toronto, which was followed by a division of Congress into discussion groups whose leaders were called on to report.

It was made clear that across the Dominion the problem confronts the consumer co-operatives of retaining the maximum individual responsibility and effort while taking advantage of modern methods of management and control. W. H. McEwen, general manager of Manitoba Co-operative Services, gave an excellent summary of the discussion.

One of the outstanding contributions to Congress was the report given by Dr. D. MacCormack of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, chairman of the national committee on co-operative credit, whose work was completed by the incorporation in May, 1953, of the Canadian Co-operative Credit Society. He reviewed the work of the past five or six years and expressed the conviction that this new venture in co-operation on a national scale would prove to be of very great importance.

A Research Project

There was keen interest in a proposal brought forward by the board that the Co-operative Development Foundation should undertake a research project into the question of the slow growth of the consumer co-operative movement in Canada. A committee of seven, including representatives of the Co-operative Union, the Co-operative Development Foundation, Interprovincial Co-operatives Limited and the national secretary, was authorized to proceed with the project.

Election of Officers

President R. S. Staples, Ottawa, was re-elected, W. H. MacLeod, Regina, was re-elected vice-president, W. B. Melvin, Ottawa, re-appointed national secretary and the nominations of the provincial unions to the national board of directors were accepted as follows:

Newfoundland, C. C. James, St. John's; Prince Edward Island, Louis O'Conner, New London; Nova Scotia,

Delegates From East and West Confer



Between sessions at the Canadian Co-operative Congress in Winnipeg the photographer took this picture of three of the delegates, who are evidently finding pleasurable interest in the document they are reading. Left to right are seen Jake Frey of Arneson, past president of the Alberta Co-operative Union; Rev. William Simpson, director of the extension department of St. Dunstan's University, Charlottetown, P.E.I., and Leo Berube, secretary of Le Conseil Canadien de la Co-operation, Quebec.

Alex MacIsaac, Antigonish; New Carman; Saskatchewan, W. MacLeod, Brunswick, Geo. Stephenson, Frederic-Regina; Alberta, N. F. Priestley, Calton; Ontario, A. H. K. Musgrave, Gary; British Columbia, R. J. McMas-Clarksburg; Manitoba, J. D. Wilton, Ter, Vancouver.

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WINNIPEG MAN.

Clover Bar F.W.U.A. are sponsoring a writing contest for the pupils of three local schools, writes Mrs. G. Clark. Recently they enjoyed a talk on Ceylon, by Dr. Bentley, who spent some time there on Colombo Plan work.

Besides sending \$63 to the building fund, Notre Dame F.W.U.A. recently contributed \$10 to the Red Cross; \$5 to the C.N.I.B., \$10 to the arthritic society and \$10 to the Unitarian Service Committee, writes Mrs. J. P. Gittins.

FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

A Trip to England

Dear Farm Women:

Perhaps some of you may be interested as some have been here in comments my good man made of a trip to England — his old home which he had not visited for some 26 years. We are all a bit alike, I think, and while we have grown to feel the country in which we live is home, still there is always a heart-warming when thinking and talking of the home of our childhood.

I might mention that this trip occurred because he had to go to Halifax, Nova Scotia, in connection with the Canadian School Trustees' Convention. As that was such a long step on the way he continued and had a short stay at our latest province, Newfoundland.

Weather Brings Astonishment

To me, one of the most astonishing features of his visit was that he was there during the late fall and early winter months and did not experience one day of rain. I believe it did manage two rain storms at night.

A further comment about the weather amused us all. When he was leaving he met a former neighbor of ours who hailed originally from England and had returned for a visit some weeks earlier. The first thing she said to him was, "Have you been warm since you came here?" Many Canadians feel somewhat the same about many of the English homes in the winter time.

Of course the beauty of the English countryside had a wonderful appeal with its greenery, its hedges, its trees, a pleasing contrast to the congested cities. War damage repairs in many places are waiting while houses, schools and utilities are being built as rapidly as possible.

Not an Undernourished Child

He was much struck by what England was doing for her children. Not an undernourished looking child did

Comox, B.C.

he see, in city or country. Adults in many instances showed the strain of the war, but the children looked strong and healthy. As in this country in many places, there was a shortage of teachers and class rooms.

Farming he found to be highly specialized in many places. He visited farms of from 600 to 1,700 acres which were run as factories with central offices, stenographic staff, filing cabinets, maps of the crops of a series of years. The land is of course highly valuable and the greatest effort is made for good production.

Seeing "All Blacks" by Television

Perhaps I shall think of some other tales he told, but for the benefit of the Welsh I shall tell this one. He went to Cardiff to visit the son of a neighbor. It was the day the All Blacks from New Zealand were there for their football match. He asked about getting a ticket, but they said there was just as much chance as of getting one for Westminster Abbey on Coronation Day. However, his host of the day remarked that his neighbor had a television set, so they went there intending to see a bit of the match. Of course the result was they stayed the game through. Television is very highly perfected in England. And before the game began the great crowd of some 70,000 indulged in the favorite Welsh pastime — singing. A white gloved conductor guided the great choir. A most enjoyable afternoon!

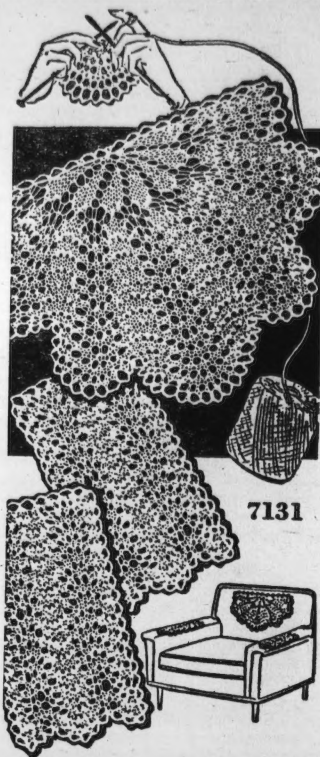
But I must not weary you with more tonight. Perhaps some further comments later. In the meantime, may the Spring work go well inside the house and out.

Yours sincerely,

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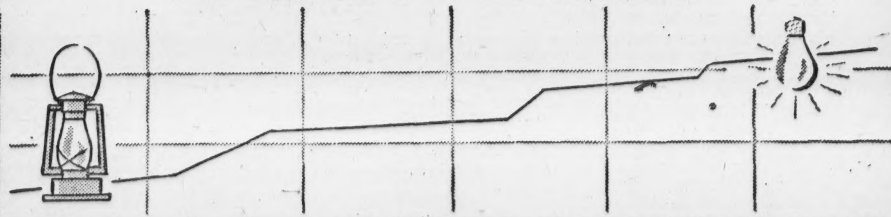
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Ode to Spring

O lovely laggard — wantonly, it seems,
Your flowery feet with Time are loitering;
Come, wake the wild rose from her winter dreams,
And bid the bee unfurl his drowsy wing.
Strew crocuses upon each southern slope —
The Paschal flowers, whose chalices are filled
With the exhilarating wine of hope —
A pearl of promise in each cup distilled.
Bring migrant bluebirds — like celestial flowers
That through the pathless empyrean wing;
Awake the sleeping sloughs with rainbow showers,
And call the wild geese from their wandering.
Lure yellow-breasted meadowlarks to slake
Their thirst in silver pools of your sweet tears —
Each slender throat with ecstasy shall shake
When o'er the prairie your first smile appears.
A garland fashion for the nascent earth
Of pearly willows and anemones;
Bring the brown buds, from Winter's womb, to birth,
And garb in emerald the gaunt-limbed trees.
Sweet loiterer, oh hasten, we implore!
Our hearts are weary for your old refrain;
Come, strike your lute strings, lovely troubadour,
And sing the Summer's prelude o'er the plain!

AGNES I. ASTON HILL, Calgary

News of Women's Locals

Swalwell F.W.U.A. are sponsoring the Girls' Garden Club again.

Beaverlodge F.W.U.A. donated \$5 to the Red Cross writes Mrs. Donald McNabb, and \$50 to the building fund.

At the April meeting of Gwynne F.W.U.A. Mrs. E. Maygard read a paper on Pakistan and Mr. Baker an article on "I am a Farmer".

Members of Marwayne F.W.U.A. are making pyjamas for the Lloyd-mister hospital, writes Mrs. Earl Gray.

Willow Springs raised \$7.25 for the Red Cross, writes Mrs. G. Reith, by raffling among themselves articles left over from their bazaar.

Warner F.W.U.A. earned nearly \$130 by serving two banquets during the winter, writes Mrs. Heppler. They are making scrap books on Alberta and Pakistan.

After discussion, Okotoks F.W.U.A. recently expressed approval of the short training course for teachers, as a temporary measure, writes Mrs. C. W. Lang.

Two boxes of clothing were packed for Korean relief at a recent meeting of Fairdonian Valley F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. Galletly. Reading of the health bulletin was enjoyed.

Stony Plain F.W.U.A. recently held a farewell party in honor of Mrs. C. Fuhr, who is leaving the district, writes Mrs. T. Washburn. In aid of the F.U.A. building fund, a whist party was arranged at Warden school.

Crown F.W.U.A. (Ponoka) are ordering materials for a layette and are

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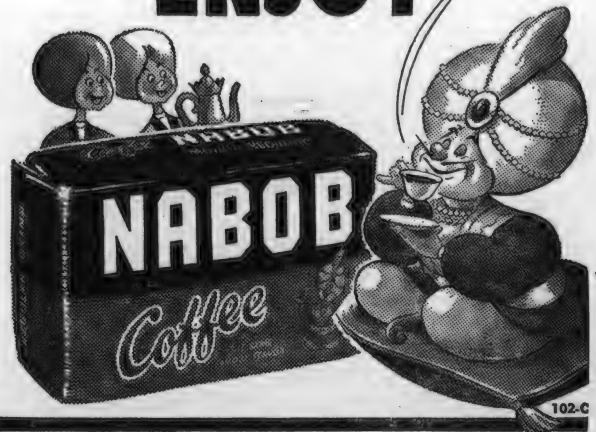


Rosa has been talking about the stars. "My favorite group of stars is the Little Dipper!" said Rosa. If you join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number thirty-four you will have a picture of the Little Dipper. Try your crayons on this.

starting a donation box for used clothing, both to be given to Child Welfare, reports Mrs. Flegat. At a recent meeting Dr. McKibbin of La-combe gave a helpful address on treating fever in children.

Interesting articles on the intestate succession act and on education were read at a recent meeting of Conrich F.W.U.A., reports Mrs. Blight, and Mrs. D. Barker discussed health in Pakistan. As an experiment, this meeting was conducted as a "round table" conference, members being seated around a large table, and it was felt to be a success. Each meeting opens with a few minutes of en-

NABOB HAS THE FLAVOR MOST PEOPLE IN THE WEST ENJOY



Open The Mind's Windows

From a conversation of Jawaharlal Nehru, prime minister of India, with his niece, Nayantara Pandit, reported in "Growing up with the Nehrus" in Macleans:

"... It is always better to think out things for oneself and arrive at one's own conclusions than to keep a closed mind and accept blindly what other people say. We should take the help of others, but unless we find our own way we can't go very far. The main thing is to keep all the windows of our minds open. The mind, you know, is the greatest thing man possesses. People who don't use their minds hardly deserve the name of human beings. Of course, our minds cannot solve all our problems, but they can help us toward a solution... Decision is a serious responsibility, but in thinking about all these problems one should not get lost in speculation. That would serve no purpose at all. There is a big enough job to do in this world to understand our fellow creatures and work for their betterment. One should never lose sight of this, and now, isn't it teatime for my philosophers?"

tainment — different each meeting — called "Mystery Moments."

"Color in the Home" was the topic of an interesting address by Miss Marion Dixon to Pine Hill F.W.U.A. (Red Deer), writes Mrs. K. K. Johnson, and Mrs. Hatherly reported to the same meeting on Bethany Home. \$40 was sent to the building fund.

Donations of \$30 to the Red Cross Children's Hospital and \$75 to the Hardisty hospital (to purchase an oxygen tent and a high chair for the

nursery) were made recently by Rosyth F.W.U.A. Their tea and bazaar, held in the basement of the United Church, was a most successful event.

Barrhead F.W.U.A. recently sponsored a short course in home economics, arranged by the Department of Agriculture.

The six-weeks' course for teachers came in for discussion by Milo-Queenstown F.W.U.A. recently, and it was decided to seek further information from the provincial president, Mrs. W. C. Taylor. Books bought and read by the members last year, (all by Canadian authors), writes Mrs. Umschied, are being donated to the local High School.

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Almost \$1,000,000 Turnover

At the recent annual meeting of the Southern Alberta Co-operative Association, in Lethbridge, President O. E. Wobick, Barons, Geo. E. Minion, Warner and C. A. Schrumm, Coaldale, were re-elected to the board of directors. Reports showed that turnover during the past year had reached a total of almost a million dollars, of which approximately half was in livestock sales and the rest in merchandise.

(WORLD CHRONICLE from Page 8)
organization to operate Iranian oil; will send mission to Tehran to negotiate with government there. Russian press reports rapid progress on construction of dams.

April 11th.—Belgium general election results in defeat of Van Houtte (Catholic) government; coalition government to be formed, may be headed by Spaak. U.S. Information Agency reports in Washington that Communism in west European countries has declined since 1946.

April 12th.—Queen Elizabeth opens Ceylon Parliament. Dulles told in London Britain willing to join in ultimatum on Indo-China only if Russia and China show at Geneva they are not willing to negotiate peace in Asia. Native Indo-China state of Viet Nam issues call for total mobilization. Dr. Oppenheimer, noted physicist who directed making of first atom bomb, suspended by Atomic Energy Commission, on security grounds, reported from New York.

April 13th.—Dulles visits Paris.

WHEAT SITUATION (Continued from Page 1)

ducers that the disposal of present large supplies will be a slow job, particularly in the face of strong competition from other wheat exporting countries, including the United States, Australia, Argentina and even Sweden, France and Turkey. With this situation in mind, farmers may wish to restrict their wheat acreage somewhat. True, in the open prairies there are few alternatives to wheat which are more easily marketed, but perhaps this would be a good year to concentrate more on weed control and in restoring soil fertility by growing grasses and legumes wherever such is economically feasible.

Gradual Decline in Yields of Wheat, Barley and Oats Noted

In spite of the increased use of fertilizer and of improved varieties, there appears to be a slight but gradual decrease in yields of wheat, oats and barley throughout Alberta. This statement was made to a group of agricultural scientists in Edmonton recently by A. D. McFadden, senior agronomist at the Lacombe Experimental Station.

Figures Indicate Decline

In Central Alberta, Mr. McFadden said, the average yield of wheat in the years 1921 to 1930 was 19.2 bushels, and in the period 1941 to 1950 it was 17.3. Similarly, barley dropped from 24.8 to 23.5, though the average oats yield remained stationary at 32.5. The drop was more striking, said Mr. McFadden, because there had been more rain and more snow in the latter period than in the first.

Experiments in crop rotation were described by Mr. McFadden, in dealing with the effect of forage crops on soil fertility. A three-year rotation of fallow, wheat, wheat, had failed to bring yields higher than the general average.

Seven-Year Rotation Gives Results

Quite different was the result of a seven year rotation of fallow, wheat, hay, hay, potatoes, wheat, oats. In a ten-year period, land in this rotation produced 1,150 pounds of grain annually per acre compared with 714 in the three-year rotation. The hay and potatoes grown in the second rotation were, said Mr. McFadden, "just so much extra." However, in the seven-year rotation, barnyard manure was applied at the rate of 2 to 2½ tons per acre.

Another rotation, where manure was used in the same way, produced 871 pounds of grain per acre in the ten-year period. It was a six-year rota-

Livestock Market Review

CALGARY, STOCKYARDS, April 27th—Hogs sold yesterday \$33.75, Grade A; new discounts in effect, B1, \$1; B2, \$1.25; B3, \$1.50; C, \$3; D, \$5.50. Good to choice butcher steers sold \$16.50 to \$18, down to \$13 for common. Stocker and feeder steers were \$15 to \$16.50, down to \$12; good veal calves \$22.50 to \$25.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, April 12th.—This market closed last week at \$17.25 to \$18.50 for choice steers, down to \$11 for common; choice heifers brought \$16 to \$17, down to \$10 for common; good cows, \$12 to \$13, canners and cutters \$6 to \$9. Grade A hogs sold \$34.40 for Vancouver shipment. Good feeder steers brought \$14 to \$15.50.

EGG AND POULTRY MARKET

Egg prices remain, to producers, at 30 for A large, 28 for A medium and 25 for A small; B's are 22 and C's 18. Dressed chicken under 4 lbs, are 32 for Grade A, 28 for B and 20 for C. Dressed fowl 5 lbs. and over, 31 down to 18.

THE DAIRY MARKET

Special cream, to producers, remains at 61; No. 1 is 59, No. 2 is 50, off-grade 44. First-grade prints, wholesale, are 61.

tion of fodder corn, wheat, barley, hay, hay, hay. As in the former case, the corn and hay were "extras."

Mr. McFadden made it plain, however, that he did not consider a diversified cropping program practical in all areas throughout central Alberta; but he believed it could be carried on successfully in all areas receiving moderate rainfall.

EDITORIAL

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appeal for the average European. To him, such retaliation would be a postscript to European civilization.

If Europeans are wrong in suspecting that we have already decided to regard Europe as an expendable adjunct to the American strategy of retaliation, we shall have to produce a plan which will enlist the self-interest of our allies and appeal to them as promising something more than annihilation as shock troops. Otherwise we can hardly complain if Europe hankers for some sort of workable relationship with the potential enemy.

To combat neutralism, we shall have to state the alternatives in terms which appeal to Europeans and not merely to us. It will not be enough either to bribe our friends or twist their arms. In some manner, we shall have to convince them that the risks of resistance to Soviet aggression are worth taking, not only on account of the horrors of slavery under communism but because determined resistance, with American support, provides the best hope Europe has of avoiding the very atomic catastrophe which she rightly dreads. (Copyright by Saturday Evening Post.)

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Hughes of Flatbush; Robert Muir of Leduc, and Freelan Wilford of Stavely. Representatives named by the F.U.A. are Uri Powell of Sexsmith, Terrence Oldford of Red Deer, and Mrs. C. T. Armstrong of Calgary.

The committee members will undoubtedly report to the directors of the respective organizations, before any findings or recommendations are made public.

C.F.A. Submissions

The C.F.A. submission to the Federal Cabinet was made on February 19th, 1954. Since that time, two other special briefs have been submitted to Department heads. One, dealing with custom tariffs and excise tax, was presented to Hon. D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance. This

Don Davidson Elected President Calgary Branch of Agricultural Institute

Don Davidson - of Calgary was elected president of the Calgary Branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada at the annual meeting of the branch held at the Olds School of Agriculture on April 9th.

Don is well known in the Calgary district, having been president of the Calgary Junior Chamber of Commerce during the past year. He is employed by the Calgary Brewing and Malting Company.

D. W. Elliott is past president. Other members of the new executive are: R. H. Cooper, instructor at Olds School of Agriculture; C. Anderson, farmer, Kathryn; N. F. Bell, district agriculturist, Calgary; J. Taylor, United Grain Growers, Calgary; and N. Toole, feed salesman, Swift's Canadian, Calgary. A. W. McArton, Canada Land and Colonization, is secretary of the branch.

The meeting was addressed by Dr. C. F. Bentley, professor of soils at the University of Alberta, who spoke on his year's work in Ceylon under the auspices of the Colombo Plan.

Livestock Marketing Board Now Planned for Saskatchewan

Following the livestock meeting held March 22nd by representatives of the prairie Federations of Agriculture and of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Farmers' Unions, the S.F.U. announces that the question of Federal aid for a producers' livestock marketing plan in Saskatchewan will be discussed with Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner in Saskatoon on April 22nd. It is expected also that the minister will address a conference called by the S.F.U. on the same subject, for April 23rd. At this conference it is hoped to adopt a detailed plan, select a provisional board, arrange for a plebiscite in Saskatchewan and organize a preliminary educational campaign.

memorandum dealt with specific sections of the act and offered amendments that would meet the needs of the farming industry.

A second detail memorandum was presented to the Department of National Revenue regarding income tax regulations. The main points dealt with included net worth statements, classification as farmers those who rent their land as the major source of income, depreciation on tile drainage, and the dealing "at-least-than-arms length" in relation to farm transactions.

A third important brief could be mentioned. The National office assisted the Co-operative Seed Growers in preparing and submitting a brief dealing with tariff rates on alsike clover. This submission was made before trade officials at Washington, D.C.

These activities go to make up the day-to-day activities of the C.F.A. office staff, and show how they are working in the interests of Canadian farmers.

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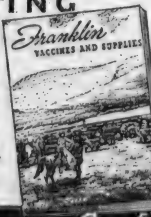
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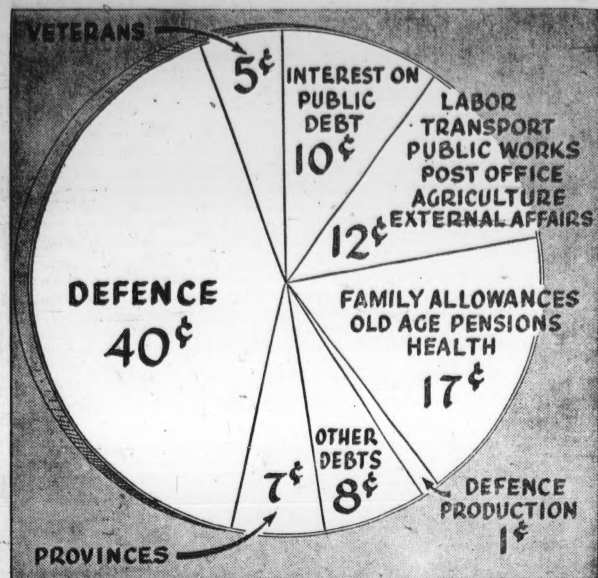


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How Federal Government Divides Its Dollars



The Federal budget, brought down by Hon. Douglas Abbott last week, calls for spending of \$4,460,000,000 during the fiscal year 1954-55. The chart pictured above shows how each dollar of that sum is divided between the various Government departments. In bringing down the budget, Mr. Abbott indicated a belief that the nation's economy would shortly show an upward trend. He forecast tax revenues of \$4,074,000,000, which with other receipts of \$390,000,000, would bring the total estimated revenue to \$1,464,000,000. Deduction of estimated spendings leaves a forecast surplus of \$4,000,000. Should they exceed this fairly narrow margin, it would break Mr. Abbott's record as a finance minister who has never had a deficit. There will be no change in income and corporation taxes during the coming year, but reductions have been made in excise taxes and sales tax.

Find Straw Mulch Best Means to Stop Erosion

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask.—This may be the year that erosion control will be needed, warns J. L. Doughty of the soil research laboratory here. He calls attention to the danger of wind erosion, especially in spring, and more especially in dry springs. (Recent wintry weather has delayed erosion this year.) Straw mulch is the best protection against both wind and water erosion, he writes, and cultural operations should be planned to make the maximum use of all crop residue. Where straw is insufficient, tillage of summerfallow may be delayed until there is weed growth; or a rough cloddy surface may be created. Danger points, such as sandy knolls, should be carefully watched, and control methods adopted at the first sign of danger.

CORRESPONDENCE (Continued from Page 5)

have political controversy. We have regional competition for irrigation.

There Is a Way Out

Is there a way out to harmony, tolerance, and progress? Most certainly there is. All we need is a little less provincialism, plus a lot more vision and co-operation.

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to save some of it for those who come after us, yes, and a lot of oil—strange to say, some of it in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, although it was suggested to us that all the oil had been put in Alberta by an all-wise Providence, for a specific purpose. What has all this to do with provincial boundaries? Nothing whatever.

Need Long Range Plan

To get the best out of all this bounteous provision of Nature, we must have a group of men with vision, courage, and integrity, who will look at the whole picture, and with the aid of science, draw up a long range plan, making use, proper use, of all these resources in accordance with the need of all the people from the Rockies to the Bay. A Federal Board, of course, responsible to the parliament of Canada. Certainly the provinces should have representatives. So should organized agriculture.

Will Our Governments Measure Up?

Will our three prairie provincial governments measure up to the requirements of this hour? Surely no province will stand in the way. It is almost inconceivable that any one governing authority should bar the way to a brilliant, a great future, which Nature has so generously provided for. Let us have the vision of a Roosevelt, the executive ability of a Lillenthal, and then we can duplicate up here, on these Great Plains of Canada, a project on a scale a hundred times larger than the great monument they built in the marvelous Tennessee Valley.

JACK SUTHERLAND.

Hanna, Alta.

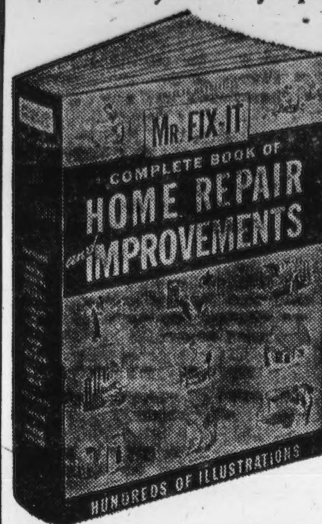
Over Half Million Surplus

REGINA, Sask. — Crown companies in Saskatchewan since 1944, in the aggregate had shown a net surplus of \$583,510, it was reported recently to the Saskatchewan Legislature.

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Three C Salad: Soak 1½ tbs. gelatine in ¼ cup cold water; add 1 tsp. salt, 1½ tsp. sugar, 1½ cups boiling water, and stir well; add 6 tbs. catsup, 2 tbs. vinegar and (if liked) 1 tsp. prepared horseradish. Cool until it begins to set. Add 1 cup finely shredded carrot and ½ cup each diced celery and shredded cabbage. Chill. Serve with mayonnaise.

Apple Upside-down Cake: Peel, core and halve six tart apples. Melt ¼ cup butter in baking dish, add ¼ cup brown sugar and cook until sugar is melted; arrange apple halves in syrup. Cream ¼ cup shortening with 1/3 cup white sugar, add 1 egg and ¼ cup molasses. Sift together 1 cup flour with 1 tsp. baking powder, ½ tsp. each soda and cinnamon, pinch of salt, 1 tsp. ginger; combine two mixtures with 1/3 cup boiling water. Pour over apples, and bake in 325 degree oven for 40 minutes.

Gladiolus: Should be planted April 26th to May 10th. Bulbs can be pre-sprouted ten days prior to planting outside. They should be pressed into sand, vermiculite or soil, placed in a warm, shady room, and kept moist. Care must be taken in planting, to prevent damage to tender rootlets. They should be planted 3 to 4 inches deep, depending on the size; the larger bulbs should be planted deeper than the smaller.

Tomatoes: Require heat for growth, and nothing is gained, says an authority, by planting them before ground warms up well; early June is recommended for transplanting. So the seed should be sown indoors about the middle of April for the very early sorts, and in two weeks "pricked off" into flats, standing them 3 to 4 inches apart. They should be exposed gradually to outdoor conditions for several

days before setting in the open. Water thoroughly several hours before transplanting, so that a square of earth can be moved with each plant. Set each plant in a small depression, which is later filled in. Excessive and repeated watering at transplanting should be avoided, as this renders the soil damp and cold. A southern exposure and light soil is best for tomatoes.

Cracks in Plaster walls: Can be filled with a paste made of cornstarch and paint, before painting. Make thick enough to spread with putty knife.

CALGARY HORSE SALE (Continued from Page 6)

Almost any good saddle pony brought a hundred dollars and more.

Pintos were extremely popular if they showed fair to good conformation, and the Shetlands of course were as popular as ever for children's city ponies.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Times do change. Columbus came from Europe to discover America and now Americans are going from America to discover Europe.

According to the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, "home-brew" should be taken with caution. He points out that even in the Garden of Eden when they drank "Adam's Ale" they saw a snake.

Wally, our incurable bach, insists that it pays a man to find out whether the apple of his eye is a good cooker.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

In spite of today's high prices talk is still cheap.

Then there's the gal who is so dumb she went to hear the bands in the Easter Parade.

Nevertheless it cannot be denied that money is so sincere that when it says GOODBYE you can be sure it means it.

And speaking of money, Fern of Fernie tells us that the long green can be acquired by acquisition.

HOW RIGHT HE IS

Says Chuck of Chuckwalla, "When you're broke sometimes just a 'touch' will fix you."

ADD SMILES

As slow as a "Speedy Checkout" at a Calgary Super-Market.

Lil of Lethbridge says a wise man who can speak half a dozen languages should know how to keep silent in all of them.

That, of course, Lil, doesn't apply to some politicians who can't even speak one properly.

VERNAL VIEWS

According to the calendar
This month will welcome
Spring;

The snow and ice should
disappear

And birds come back to sing.

How anxiously we'll listen for
The robin's cheery song,

And lark's or wren's and many
more

The Springtime brings along.

When buds will swell upon the
trees,

And pussy willows bloom,

Such signs and wonders that one
sees,

Dispel the winter's gloom.

When gophers whistle on the
hills,

The rabbits lose their white,

When wind with warmth and
comfort fills,

Then ends the winter's night.

—William Griffiths Jones, Ponoka.

REVISED VERSION

March winds, April snow.

When will winter go?

—Barney, Vancouver

We dunno, Barney, but out our way we've just ordered another two tons of coal.

TODAY'S GREAT OOZE

It just naturally follows that a big butter and egg man is one who can bring home the bacon.

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

FORGET ME NOT, LOVE IN THE MIST, said the MOURNING BRIDE, for unless I find HEART'S EASE for my BLEEDING HEART, I fear that I shall take a NICOTINE. Although LOVE LIES BLEEDING and I am blue as AGERATUM and could weep like a WILLOW I still do not feel that I want to enter the PEARLY GATES without ST. PETER'S PENNY, though I am good as any ROSE OF HEAVEN, even if I was kicked out of VIRGIN BOWERS. I'd be as carefree as a DAISY if I had a Stalwart SULTAN with BABY BLUE EYES to walk with in the GOLDEN GLOW of evening and in the early MORNING GLORY. I'd be as pure as the LILY, but who could blame me if I sometimes flirted with SWEET WILLIAM when I saw the DEVIL IN THE BUSH?

Oh hum, it does seem kind of silly to build expensive tunnels through mountains when faith could move them.

AMERICAN VERSION

Marry in haste and repent at Reno.

Keep this date open for coming events. Recent note from a journal of Science declares: "Halley's Comet will shortly begin the return lap of its journey towards the earth where, in passing it will put on a never-to-be-forgotten show in the heavens that should be seen by ALL." The event will occur in the year 2010.

Mary of Carbon dropped in the other day to inform us that a man who constantly brags that he is a good provider should remember that even a pig brings home the bacon.

We understand that the charwomen in the Parliament Buildings

Urge Doubling Technical Aid

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Doubling of the United Nations technical assistance program within the next five years was urged in a recent report made by the International Development Advisory Board, with Eric Johnston as chairman. It was suggested that the total budget should be brought to about \$42 millions a year, within five years; and that when that goal is reached, the United States should reduce its contribution from 60 per cent to not more than 50 per cent of the total.

For Peace River

Beaver and Victory are the oats varieties at present recommended for the Peace River area by the Beaverlodge Experimental Station.

in Ottawa are objecting strongly to the Senators and others using spittoons in their offices. Putting the cuss into cuspidors, so to speak.

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A real optimist is a guy who thinks the weeds will be much less this year.

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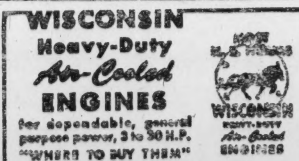
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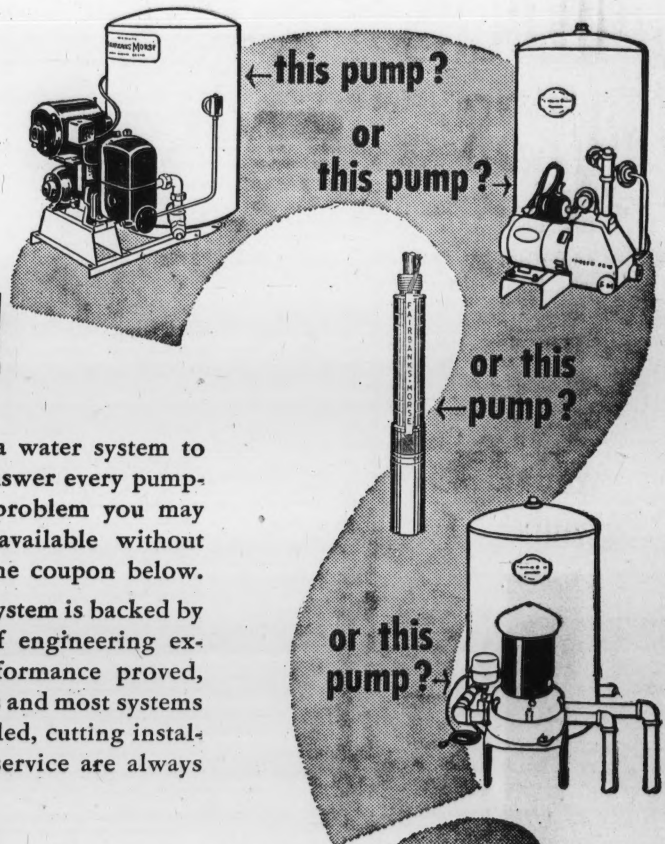
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